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June 29 Thought for the Day Selected by Mrs. H. K. Burket

"Dwell on the pleasant things in your life, and forget, as far as possible, the disagreeable events. And be glad always that you are a toiler—not an idler in this fair world."

It seems as if Huerta had stepped off on the wrong foot.

Liberty Bell day here is July 9. Put a mark on your calendar.

After the war, what? Royalty will ride in limousines as usual. The rest of the crowd will walk to their work.

General Huerta may be a smooth one, as Mexicans go, but he is on the wrong side of the line to "put one over."

Governor Slaton of Georgia carries with him into retirement the certainty that his deeds of bravery will live after him.

It will not be an old-fashioned Fourth in Omaha, but it will be a new-fashioned Fourth, with all the frills and thrills.

Huerta should have arranged to "stop off" in Omaha instead of in El Paso—it's a good deal safer and much more enjoyable.

The exhibit of the original marriage certificate should stop any possible dispute that it was the first ever issued in this city.

It never rains but it pours. Omaha is now to have the solicitous care of more evangelists in the three months than it has had in three years.

Jingoes and pacifists defeat their purposes by advocating two extremes. Between them lies the middle course, which combines safety and sense.

Mr. Bryan denies that he let the Germans know that he did not mean it when he signed the first note. But what difference does it make? It was President Wilson's note, and no one doubts that he meant it.

The American ambassador at London "regrets to report" that citizens of the United States reach British ports without passports and get into trouble at once. People who butt into trouble deserve what they get.

West Virginia is offered a receipt in full for its war debt of \$12,000,000 and some over in return for a ten-year monopoly of the sale of booze. The state is in the dry belt and its collective thirst, properly assuaged, is worth many millions.

Colonel Bryan's criticism of newspapers in general and dailies in particular indicates a growing conviction that the paper managed by Brother Charley is the only one in the country absolutely untainted by commercialism. Now is the time to subscribe.

Smith's special "bait" is still the sensation of the town. Telegrams have been sent all over the country and strenuous efforts have been made to locate the genial gentleman, who is said to have headed for Canada. What is missed most is the carpet that used to cover the sidewalk in front of the store.

Omaha Typographical union has elected these officers: President, Charles Williams; vice president, C. R. Mitchell; treasurer, A. W. Sutton; financial secretary, F. R. Horton; corresponding secretary, K. W. Runkles; recording secretary, Leo Hartley; sergeant-at-arms, C. B. Ford; executive board, James Dermody, C. M. Hopkins, E. H. Pickard, J. Robinson, C. J. Watchler; application committee, W. P. Coe, J. R. Lewis, Doc Armstrong.

Julius S. Cooley will make the eagle scream at Elk City on the glorious Fourth.

P. C. Craig of the B. & M. auditor's office has gone to Warren, O., his old home, and, it is said, will not return alone.

Two steamboats from Sioux City passed down the river, stopping for a short time at the foot of Farnam street.

A Bohemian building and loan association has been incorporated with these officers: John Rodsky, president; K. W. Barta, secretary; P. J. Kaspar, treasurer.

William E. Annin and wife have returned from their eastern trip, accompanied by R. E. Annin of New York.

Some Thoughts on Americanization Day.

The proposed plan to convert our celebration of Independence day into an "Americanization" day for the foreign-born of our population suggests some thoughts, all of which may not harmonize with the prevailing popular notion. If the purpose is to inspire with a patriotic love of their adopted country those who have come from other lands and stimulate them to completion of their naturalization, the effort is a laudable one, although such a movement should be continuous, and certainly not be confined to a once-a-year spasm. We are told that there are seven million men in this country old enough to vote who were born abroad of whom less than half are naturalized—that is to say, they are in this country, but not of it. But in all probability the vast majority of these aliens have not been here long enough to comply with our naturalization laws. We look for largely increased European immigration at the close of the war, and at the fastest it will take more than five years for them to become naturalized. The process of Americanizing the newcomers will call for something more than an annual reception fed with oratorical provender.

But if the tendency of Americanization day talk is to create a sentiment that the foreign-born are not a dependable part of our population, or that their loyalty to the United States is open to question, then we want to enter vigorous protest. When it comes to qualifications for good citizenship and patriotic devotion to country, the foreign-born American will match up with the native born at any time. Attempts to fasten responsibility for our social ills on the immigrant element have always failed. The truth is that, with comparatively few exceptions, the men and women who prove strong enough to break the ties that bind them to their native lands in order to come over here to establish a new home in the land of freedom, have as good, if not better, conception of what they owe to their adopted country than those born here, who take it as a matter of course. The lessons of Independence day that teach Americanization need to be learned by all of us who enjoy the blessings of liberty achieved by the forefathers regardless of the accidental place of birth.

Holding Huerta in Check.

If the United States is seriously bent on bringing about a settlement of conditions in Mexico, it could not have worked better than by detaining Victoriano Huerta at El Paso. The presence of Huerta in this country has not been at all reassuring, and when he left New York for the west, saying he sought recreation at San Francisco, but journeying by a route that would take him directly to the Mexican border, he confirmed the suspicion.

The hospitality of the United States has been sadly abused by the plotters and counter-plotters of the Mexican muddle. It matters not to what extent one or the other of the squabbling parties have been supported by American sympathizers; they have maintained their juntas and carried on their preparations on this side, openly and in some instances defiantly, creating thereby a scandal that ought not to be endured. Huerta in particular has flouted the government of the United States, and the presence of Pascual Orozco, one of the leaders in the revolt against Madero, with others like minded at El Paso to receive the deposed president, are at least circumstantial evidence.

Another Note to Great Britain.

One of the earliest tasks for Secretary Lansing will be the preparation of another note to Great Britain on a subject of deepest importance. Earl Grey's memoranda on the topic of detained shipping is not an answer to the representations of the United States concerning the effect of the operation of the order in council. The communication is not even evasive, for it does not approach the main point at all. His majesty's minister for foreign affairs contents himself with a general statement of what his government has done and is doing to painlessly prevent the passage of commerce between neutral ports. The contention of the British government does not consider from any of its several angles the real question at issue.

This communication, unsatisfactory in whole and in detail to the United States, opens the way for a stronger presentation of the case of the neutrals who are affected by the order in council. The United States is properly insistent upon the point that the right to traffic freely between neutral ports must be fully recognized and respected by all the belligerents. It has not yielded to Germany on this, and can not be expected to yield to England.

With the law of the sea fully established, and properly operative, the friction now complained of will be removed to a degree that will permit the approach of a better understanding between the nations, and may make way for such negotiations as will eventually lead to peace.

Mr. Maxim and Modern Warfare.

If Mr. Hudson Maxim is correctly quoted by the Associated Press reporter, he is at least entitled to credit for faith in his works. But it is altogether probable he will have some difficulty in convincing many of his countrymen that they will be safer in Europe's battle trenches than in an automobile on an American road. Those of us who are still listed as pedestrians will admit that a certain degree of danger resides in an automobile, but so far as reliable figures are obtainable, the self-propelled pleasure vehicle has not as yet taken any such toll of life as has the machine gun. As far as the trenches are concerned, it is well known they are very comfortable places, when properly drained and equipped with modern conveniences, yet life in them is tinged with an uncertainty as to when one is to be overcome by poisonous gas, annihilated by a bomb, upheaved by an exploding mine, or otherwise disturbed by some sudden manifestation of Maxim's genius in providing for the efficiency of modern weapons. The great inventor of war machinery and explosives may be correct in his assertions, but those who own them will very likely cling to the auto in preference to the firing line.

Southeast Nebraska is regarded as the most promising strawberry belt in the wide west. The soil is there, the sunshine and the showers, and enterprise will do the rest. Stella vouchers for the promise of joys to come, and Stella bears the hallmark of truth.

Aimed at Omaha

Wayne Harold, evangelist Billy Sunday, passing through Nebraska, remarked that the stories that Omaha was the most wicked city on the map were "pure bunk," whatever that means. This will encourage Omaha. In addition, it may increase cash receipts during the big meeting there next fall.

Kearney Hub: The Omaha Bee has abundant reason to plume itself on the passing of its forty-fourth anniversary. The Bee is a great newspaper and its greatness consists largely in having to a safe, sane, steady line of conduct.

Lincoln Star: Omaha ministers who have discovered that the laymen are not overpartial to the coming of Billy Sunday, are trying to induce Mr. Bryan to agree to open the series for Sunday, and the proposition appears to have put new ginger into the project.

Hebron Register: We are glad to note that so many newspaper men over the state are ridiculing the policies of the Omaha school board, who give the students the option of taking American history, and have also taken up four years military drill as a course of study. Some of the wisecracks of whom we have plenty in Hebron, ridicule and curse the country press, but there is no class or body of professional men doing more to mould public sentiment for good than the country newspapers. Be sure you are on the right track, boys, then go ahead regardless of political party or creed.

Nebraska City Press: Yesterday was the forty-fourth anniversary of the founding of The Omaha Bee, the most representative newspaper in Nebraska. The Bee had so much to say about its past history and its present endeavors and aims that it forgot mentioning the arrival of the "Julia" again.

Lincoln Journal: The enlarged city of Omaha finds itself in possession of two city halls in consequence of the annexation of South Omaha. It is now announced that the South Omaha building will be kept open for a time at least, as a branch office of the municipality. In the end it will be found that this building is not much of an asset for the public, even if it did cost considerable money. As long as it remains the property of the city the temptation will exist to keep it open at considerable expense for the purpose of giving a few jobs to faithful friends of the city commissioners. It would be economy to give the building away outright, if it cannot be sold or turned to some productive public use.

Plattsmouth Journal: Omaha is going to have some great attractions on July 4, and they will be ready to take all the money in sight. From 12 to 150 to see the auto race, and also from 15 to 25 to see the wrestling match. It will be an easy matter to come home broke.

Nebraska City Press: We have long been disposed to give well-merited publicity and fame to boys and girls of Nebraska schools who earn merit on the athletic field and it is with pleasure that we can turn our attention to another little mentioned, field of school energy and remark that Fannie Seredick and Angeline Tauchek of an Omaha ward school, while having no prowess as athletes, are worthy of the unanimous respect and admiration of the whole state for having been declared the best writers of the 15,000 public school children of Omaha. It is fine to be able to "make" 100 yards in ten seconds; it is far more important, in this work-a-day, matter-of-fact world, to be able to write legibly and beautifully. The Omaha girls should not be forgotten.

Twice Told Tales

Not Up to Date. "Mark Twain was visiting H. H. Rogers," said a New York editor. "Mr. Rogers led the humorist into his library. "There," he said, as he pointed to a bust of white marble. "What do you think of that?" It was a bust of a young woman coiling her hair—a graceful example of Italian sculpture. Mr. Clemens looked and then he said: "It isn't true to nature." "Why not?" Mr. Rogers asked. "She ought to have her mouth full of hairpins," said the humorist.—Christian Register.

No Precedent. Mrs. Lewis made it a practice every night just before bedtime to read some verses from the Bible to her little ones. Among those verses which she particularly endeavored to impress on their young minds was, "Whoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." The following morning Jack came into the house sobbing bitterly. "Why, what's the matter?" anxiously queried the mother. "Sister hit me." "Have you forgotten about turning the other cheek?" "N-n-no, boo-hoo!" wailed Jack, "but I couldn't. She hit me in the middle."—New York Times.

A Considerate Wife. Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, smiled when one of a party in a Boston club alluded to his pecked husbands, and said that he was reminded of a man named Bates. One afternoon Bates was having a little gabfest with an old acquaintance, when the latter spoke of married life and the beauty of having a happy home. "That's where I have a whole lot to be thankful for," said Bates. "I have a wife who looks after me constantly. As a matter of fact, there are times when she even takes off my shoes for me." "I see," thoughtfully mused the acquaintance. "I suppose that is when you come home tired at night." "No, no," smilingly corrected Bates. "It is when she thinks that I am about to slide out early in the evening."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

People and Events

The San Francisco exposition reports a surplus of \$61,000 over expenses, with six more months to run.

Brooklyn and Long Island paid \$2,490,000 in income taxes. The assessor of the contributors for the democratic party at this moment would not crowd a peanut shell.

A wise old lady in New York decided that a man who indulged in a soul-kiss with a widow violated the laws of neutrality and granted his wife a decree of divorce.

Louis Perlmutter of Waterbury, Conn., was asked and pushed into court with a petition for a change of name. The court agreed, and the new Louis Muller knows "Mr. Potash" only by hearsay.

A Connecticut youth who was to have been the salutatorian of his class in Hartford, was refused graduation because of deficiency on the horizontal bar and the padded. His goat-riding score did not save him.

A colony of squirrels from a picnic ground in Chicago hopped on a peanut cart while the peddler was taking his afternoon siesta and carried away half his stock. The peddler yelled and snoring, made the squirrels climb a tree.

A genuine hole in the ground with no known end is reported at Tonopah, Nev. The bottom of a mine shaft disappeared between shifts, leaving an abyss, out of which icy cold air ascends. Tonopah has not had much publicity for two years.

Gene Debe has been heard from. His voice is still heard war "on the capitalist class." That is the only brand of war Gene delights in. At Centerville, Ia., last week he told a bunch of admirers that he would not go to war for any nation on earth.

Reports from eastern bathing beaches having to do with feminine bathing suits, are calculated to thrill hesitant vacationists. The suits are beyond description—there is not enough to describe—merely a bit of picturesque color for the animated scenery. Men's bathing suits continue on the ancient abomination plan.

The Bee's Letter Box

A Prediction Come True.

COLUMBUS, June 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see quite a little discussion of the question whether Mr. Bryan's resignation as secretary of state was a sudden conclusion or whether he was just waiting for the proper moment to get out of the cabinet gracefully. In this connection let me quote what seems to be an inspired article predicting his retirement, which was printed here by Edgar Howard in his paper way back last December. In it he says:

The Secretary Bryan getting ready to leave the cabinet? Recently I visited several eastern and southern sections of the country, and the general impression that the great commoner will not much longer retain his chair at the right hand of President Wilson. I do not know the mind of Secretary Bryan. I am one of those who believe that he never claimed to be a political prophet. The opinion of Mr. Bryan, I never heard him speak a word on the subject, and leaving the cabinet. But I have a firm opinion of my own that he will not remain in the president's office, and I find it difficult to believe that he will not resign. For my own part I shall be hoping that he will not be delayed. In his exalted position he has demonstrated to the world that he could be as great in the practice as in the preaching of sublime principles. He has given to his country a fair share of his services in a time when those services have splendidly helped the president in guiding our ship of state from the shoals of strife. He has enjoyed the enjoyment of a season of home life.

To me this looks as if Mr. Bryan were contemplating resigning at least six months ago. M. J.

When Socialism Comes.

OMAHA, June 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial captioned "Future of British Industry," was very interesting indeed, especially so to a socialist. Allow me, however, to correct the last paragraph, wherein you say that if socialization of production is good in time of war, it may not also be found good in time of peace.

British industries are not socialized at the present time, nor is there much hope of their being socialized until the working class of England becomes class conscious. The industries of Britain are just under government control, not even ownership. So you see there is a vast difference between government control and ownership, and the socialization of industry.

Under the present plan the government is guaranteeing profits to the owners, and after the war they expect to return them to their owners. When industry is socialized the workers own and democratically manage the industries for use instead of profit, and especially would they refuse to use those industries to make weapons to murder their fellow workers. JESSE T. BRILLIANT, 2618 Farnam Street.

Democratic Leading Strings.

NORTH LOUP, June 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: The truth gets out occasionally if you look for it. In one of the country papers appears the following from Lincoln:

The state board of irrigation has given permission to a group of Grand Island farmers to install a water power plant on the South Loup river, sufficient to generate 70 horsepower of current. The plan was proposed by H. Thompson, chairman of the democratic state committee, is a member of the company, and manager of the Grand Island Electric Light and Power Company. The latter named gentleman is the head of the Bell telephone interests in Chicago.

Who is the lighting company of Grand Island other than the General Electric interests controlled by the Rockefeller's? Mr. Thompson is the bone and flesh of the Bryan sentiment in Nebraska. Can you see why Billy was so interested in the last legislature? Two water power bills were the result. The people should take note of what the democratic party stands for.

But that is not all of it. This crowd has backed a sentiment that to improve Nebraska water power sites would run the state into millions of dollars of debt. But here they are purposing to improve 670 horsepower on \$60,000, which would be \$82 per horsepower for improvement, and if they can manage to sell the current for 6 cents per kilowatt hour to the consumer the income will be more than \$200,000 annually.

The simple fact is that the lighting plant of Grand Island has sent engineers onto the ground to estimate the exact cost of the improvements. Grand Island has a municipal plant and this deal is to be made the basis for destroying the enterprise. Can the people of Nebraska see what democracy stands for? Can you see why the Omaha Rockefeller's light bill was defeated, and by whom? Here are a few Grand Island democrats who pretend to stand up for their community, but who in reality are placing their people under the bondage of Wall street. More than that, the irrigation board is controlled by the governor and attorney general—two democrats. Will the people awake to the fact that the greatest danger to this republic and any civil government is the concentration of wealth, and that the water powers of the state and nation are the greatest sources of wealth? The farmers should get together and elect a governor. WALTER JOHNSON.

Tips on Home Topics

New York Post: Mr. Bryan's successive statements make it increasingly evident that he resigned in a fit of passionate admiration for Mr. Wilson.

Boston Transcript: Young ladies returning from hospital service in the war zone seem particularly anxious to impress their families with the fact that while abroad they did not learn how to scrub or wash dishes.

Brooklyn Eagle: The Peerless Quitter will tell in three signed articles how easy it is for everybody else in the world to agree and how he couldn't agree with his chief. These articles need not be taken as an ultimatum. If they don't catch on the Peerless Quitter can try something else.

Baltimore American: The warden of Sing Sing wants members of the new constitutional committee in New York to witness executions in the prison as a proof of the horror of capital punishment. But, to be entirely unbiased on the subject, the members should also witness a murder or two, preferably such as those of children by the latest Jack the Ripper.

Springfield Republican: The Indians of the Cheyenne creek district, South Dakota, have just held a farmers' institute of their own without waiting for state instructors. If he can keep out of the jaws of the land sharks for a little while, there is every reason to expect the Indian to become an important factor in the agricultural development of the far west. Secretary Lane, fortunately, is alert to the justice and sense of the situation.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"Your friend seems to take very grave views of life. A captain of industry, I'll bet." "It is natural for him to wax serious at times."—Baltimore American.

"Try to smile," said the head of the department store. "Look at vander clerk. He is always smiling." "He finds it easy to smile. He sells face powder to pretty girls. I sell collar buttons to old grouchers."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"He is a very distinguished appearing man. A captain of industry, I'll bet." "You're wrong. He drives a Hines." "How do you know?" "I saw him on the shoulder with my fan, and he reached back under his arm for a nickel."—Houston Post.

"How did Mabel catch cold?" "By innocently touching the door handle." "You're right. Without exception they are all quakers."—Baltimore American.

"I've got to sit up with a sick friend tonight," he said. "Well," she retorted, "I hope you do him good, and from the way she said it, he knew that he hadn't got by."—Detroit Free Press.

"She has an admirer who is a shoemaker by trade and she can't get rid of him, he follows her so." "Well, isn't it quite natural for a shoemaker to be always at one's heels?"—Baltimore American.

Redd—And does he know anything about yachting? Green—Say, he couldn't tell the difference between a mushroom anchor and a loadstool.—Yonkers Statesman.

"I think I'll go into the real estate business." "Looks good to you, eh?" "Well, isn't it quite natural for a man to be one in which two men can swap property and both make money."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Don't you know, Johnny, that if you refuse to strike back there can't be any fight with Tommy Atkins?" "Yes, you're right, Tommy wouldn't have it all his own way and I'd get a plain licking."—Washington Star.

"How far?" asked the one automobile of another as they met at a turn in the road. "Is it from here to the next town where there's a repair shop?" "Eleven miles, three bad bridges, one long stretch of deep sand and two arrests."—Life.

SPOILED THE SITUATION.

Chicago News. Oh! She was fair to look upon, Yes, very fair to see. I knew at once my heart was gone, It beat so violently; Which sounds much like a paradox—But hear me patiently.

She knew a lot of pollywogs, Of Greek and Latin, too. Of comic actions and of logs, And had read Bergson through; Which, if you know what rot he wrote, Seems quite a bit to do.

We spoke of social service and One's right to happiness; She thought dumplowitz simply grand, Whereat, I answered, "Yes," Which, since I didn't know the guy, Was just a rancid guess.

The moon rose o'er the campus trees As by my side she walked, And I was wondering should I squeeze Her hand, the while we talked, When all at once a bug crawled down Her back—and then she squawked!

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